

TROY, OHIO.—I am now in the midst of a glorious revival meeting at this place and sinners are coming out on the Lord's side and are accepting the Gospel plan of salvation. My congregations are immense.

J. M. RITTIGERS.

BEAVER CITY, NEB.—On Thanksgiving night Bro. Kellar closed his series of meetings which had continued almost three weeks. The interest and attendance were quite good, but it was thought best to close on account of bad weather and sickness. Almost every family had a case or two of Lagrippe.

There were no additions to the church; but the members were encouraged and seed sown for future ingathering. While the meetings were in progress a nice organ was put in the house, for the use of the church and sabbath school.

A Thanksgiving service was held at the church, after which we had a dinner at the church. But it being the coldest day of the season only about thirty-two remained for dinner. We had quite an enjoyable time. The sabbath school expect to have a Christmas tree on Christmas night.

Bro. Kellar preaches every Sabbath at the church. He is well liked both by the church and the neighborhood. We think the church will prosper under his care.

A. L. STURTEANT.

MIAMISBURG, OHIO, DEC. 23 1893.—Our Protracted meeting closed with ten additions. Closed Sunday evening, Dec. 17. Yours truly,

JOHN EARLY.

LINDSAY, CAL., Dec. 25.—Merry Christmas to all. Closed a two week's effort here last night without any additions. Good attendance, fine interest, almost persuaded, but a more convenient season wanted. They—like too many of us—will be like Esau, when he would have inherited the blessing, advertising for lost opportunities. Here, there is a fine people of a "Creeds", and who have signified their willingness to unite with any denomination that will first place a pastor amongst them. There is no church building, nor any preaching at all, except an occasional descent upon them by some evangelist, who always proclaims a contrary doctrine—not Bible. Many told me this was the first time they had heard God's word poured out pure and unadulterated, and almost all were captivated by its beauty and simplicity, but it takes both heat and hammering to straighten twisted iron, and sown seed needs watering to increase. May God send a "waterman" to Lindsay. I believe this is one of the finest openings in the State for the Brethren, and should be promptly acted upon. Lindsay is a small town of some dozen houses, situated on the Porterville branch of the S. P.; about one mile from the foot-hills and about five miles from the snow-capped Sierra Nevada. It is one of the most healthful locations in the southern part of the Joaquin Valley, and is nicely situated for a city, which we predict it

will be in five years. Oranges, lemons, limes etc., etc., can and are being profitably raised. One three year old orchard producing \$108.00 per acre, without irrigation. A Scotch syndicate has invested \$4,000,000. in land. Many are investing from the famous Santa Clara Valley. Land is selling at from \$50. to \$200. per acre. Now your attention if you please. The church which first "strikes its tent" in Lindsay will be the one that will gather almost all sheep into its fold. Hundreds will come who are strangers without even a church home, and if a good live man is on the ground to visit such and have them come to his service it will prove the entering wedge that will sooner or later split them from error. Brother and Sister Gibson (whose type may God increase) see the same, and authorized me to offer through the EVANGELIST to any young or middle aged, live, consecrated Brethren minister, two acres of land free, if he will come amongst them, take up the work and locate upon it. I declare it a golden opportunity for God, good, grace, health, wealth and work. For further information, write to Thomas Gibson, Lindsay or Z. H. Copp, Lathrop. Pray for me.

Z. H. COPP.

THE MIAMISBURG CHURCH. Montgomery Co., Ohio is strengthened, encouraged and revived. It is a comparatively new organization and numbers but few members, but they are enterprising and full of Christian zeal—two qualities which are more potent elements of strength than mere numbers however large. The immediate cause of their present encouragement is the fact that the meet which fact that the meeting which just closed resulted in ten accessions to their number. We began preaching on the evening of Nov. 26th, and continued with good interest till Dec. 17th, and closed with feelings of gratitude to God for the blessings he had bestowed.

J. M. TOMBAUGH.

LANARK, ILL., DEC. 25. The church and Sunday school at Lanark held their Christmas exercises on Saturday evening Dec. 23rd. The roads were muddy and it began to rain in the evening, and there were four entertainments the same evening. Notwithstanding all this our house was packed with men, women and children and many turned away because of the lack of room.

The exercises were most excellent; all performed their parts well; and there were many glad young hearts, all being treated alike. Our hope is in our Sunday school children. If we can keep our school where it is for five years we will have many souls for the Master.

On Sunday morning at the regular service one came forward and confessed Christ; he is the head of a family and will make a noble worker for Christ. He will be immersed on Thursday. I spent nearly two weeks with Bro. Tally at Milledgeville in revival work. I found his people in a good spiritual condition.

Z. T. LIVENGOD.

GOSHEN, IND.—MR. UNION CHURCH, DEC. 22.—At our meeting last evening, Bro. John Weaver was appointed correspondent from this place. We also resolved unanimously not to sign the State Constitution as we believe it to be the first step toward church legislation. We expect to hold a revival meeting the latter part of January. Brethren pray for us.

A. S. MENAUGH.

BETHANY AND CARLETON.—DEC. 21 At my last Bethany appointment, two members were received, husband and wife; both from the German Baptist church. The Sunday school was making special preparation for Xmas. The 24th being my Neb. appointment I am prevented being with them.

Last night we held our communion at Carleton; the largest since I have been here. We had a delightful service, but missed a number of faces, some being in other states and some sick.

JOHN DUKE MCFADEN

DETROIT, DICKINSON CO., KANS., DEC. 23, 1893.—I reported the progress of our little band some time ago, but as it has never appeared, I suppose that it has miscarried. We held two week's meeting in November. Our pastor, Bro. James Kunz, was assisted by Bro. Yoder of Morrill, Kans. who is a staunch believer in the Brethren doctrine and a pleasant and forcible speaker. But he was compelled to close the meeting just as interest began to manifest itself. The immediate results one conversion and others counting the cost. We held a love feast before the departure of Bro. Yoder, which was enjoyed by all. Our church is known as the Harmony Brethren church. Our meetings are held in the Harmony school house. We also have a good Sunday school, known as the Harmony Union S. S. We have a membership of 21. Our pastor commenced again to hold meeting on Christmas eve. Holding meetings every evening at the S. house, and praise meeting at two o'clock in the afternoons, at different places in the neighborhood. This is a deep interest being felt and several have made the good confession, and the glorious work is still going on. Will try to get subscribers for our church paper, which I think is essential for the progress of the Brethren church. We are hemmed in by the River Brethren and G. B. Brethren.

F. E. SMITH.

WAYNESVILLE, MO., JAN. 1st.—We held a watch meeting on Dec. 31, 1893, to watch the close of the old year and the dawn of the new. We had a good and interesting time. We feel that the Lord was with us and that every one was profited thereby. May God speed the time when all mankind may put off the old man with his deeds and live to Christ and his holiness, is our prayer for Christ's sake. Amen.

M. D. ROBERTS.

The Testimony of Science.

Thirteen professors of the faculties of medicine at Leyden, Amsterdam, Groningen and Utrecht, all distinguished experts and specialists, have signed a declaration regarding alcoholic liquors as follows:

1. Even the moderate use of spirituous liquors is injurious; alcohol does not favor digestion.
2. They are not stimulants necessary to cold or heat.
3. In all diseases those who habitually use liquors offer less chances of resistance.
4. Alcoholic drinks are destructive of prosperity and the moral and natural development of the masses.

Dr. Arthur McDonald, one of our government's specialists, in a publication just issued by the bureau of education, confirms this declaration by his own careful and through investigations. He declares that there is a close relation between alcoholism, crime, pauperism and charity. He charges alcoholism with much of the melancholia and imbecility that curses the world. He produces expert testimony in addition to that quoted above, showing how the use of alcoholic drinks produces moral and intellectual weakness. One of these scientists, Dr. Vetault, of Paris, says, "The use of alcohol pushes man to suicide, theft, homicide—crimes which increase in direct proportion to the consumption of alcohol."

In view of these declarations what defense can be made for the licensing of any traffic in such dangerous articles as whiskey, beer and other intoxicants? What right has any government to encourage and protect a business which produces such terrible effects? A government which was established to "promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity," has no right to legalize any business which "produces moral and intellectual weakness" and "pushes men to suicide, theft and homicide." Such a government must fight and prohibit such a business or be recreant to the pledge made by its founders.